Apprehension of irregular rains in 2010 due to El-Nino effect

†146. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that due to El-Nino effect there is an apprehension of irregular rains and drought even in 2010;

(b) if so, the quantum of its effect on agricultural production;

(c) whether food security scheme can come under crises due to continuous decrease of agriculture production and whether Government is ready to tackle the situation in such a circumstance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Latest technology to farmers through NGOs

147. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology has decided to provide latest technologies to farmers through NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the farmers in the country are unaware of latest technologies resulting in poor production of foodgrains, pulses, etc.; and

(d) if so, to what extent IARI's efforts are going to boost the production of foodgrains and pulses in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir. Indian Agricultural Research Institute has not entered into any collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to provide latest technologies to farmers through NGOs.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has created a network of 569 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in country aiming at assessment, refinement and demonstration of technologies/products developed under National Agricultural Research System. Efforts have also been made for transfer of technologies by the ICAR Institutees, Directorates through frontline demonstrations, organizing Kisan Melas, training of farmers/other extension officers etc.

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